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1. Statutory provisions.—*a. General.*—Any officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man of the Army of the United States, not in flying-pay status, for whom parachute jumping is an essential part of his military duty and who, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army has received a rating as a parachutist or is undergoing training for such a rating shall receive, while engaged upon duty designated by the Secretary of the Army as parachute duty, additional pay at the rate of \$100 per month in the case of any such officer or warrant officer, and additional pay at the rate of \$50 per month in the case of any such enlisted man. *See sec. 18, act 16 June 1942 (56 Stat. 368); as amended by sec. 5, act 7 September 1944 (58 Stat. 730; 37 U. S. C. Supp. V. 118; M. L. 1939, Supp. III, sec. 1371c-18; sec. 1, Bull. 20, War Department 1944).*

b. Effective date.—The provisions of *a* above shall become effective as of 1 June 1942. No back pay or allowances, under *a* above, for any period prior to 1 June 1942, shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this act, and no back pay or allowances shall accrue to any person who is not entitled to receive active or retired pay on the date of the enactment of this act. *See sec. 11, act 7 September 1944 (58 Stat. 731; 37 U. S. C. Supp. V, 118; sec. 1, Bul 20 War Department, 1944).*

2. Parachutist rating.—An individual who has been awarded a parachutist badge under the provisions of AR 600-70 and who has not had such badge revoked is considered as having received a rating as a parachutist.

3. Parachute duty.—Parachute duty is designated as all duty performed by a person who has received a rating as parachutist or is undergoing training for such a rating, where parachute jumping is an essential part of such duty, including—

a. While in a duty status and assigned or attached to a glider, parachute, or airborne unit; a parachute or airborne school; airborne service test section; or airborne center.

b. While in a duty status with staffs or with units, not airborne, when such duty is designated as parachute duty by the Director, Personnel and Administration Division, General Staff, United States Army; the Secretary of the Air Force; Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; Commanding General of the

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Army Ground Forces; or commanding generals of oversea commands. The authority vested in the referred commanders will not be delegated.

c. Only those persons whose current duties in fact necessitate parachute jumping on a frequent basis, will be placed on parachute duty. Parachute pay is to recompense certain individuals for undergoing hazards incident to parachute jumping, above and beyond hazards undergone by persons whose duties do not involve parachute jumping. Placing a person on parachute duty when not required, only serves to create unnecessary hazards and is contrary to Department of the Army policy. Designation of duty with staffs or with units, not airborne, as parachute duty under provisions of b above, will be accomplished only in the exceptional cases of those persons whose current duties definitely require parachute jumping.

4. Termination of parachute duty.—a. General.—When an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man is reassigned or detached from a status as shown in paragraph 3, he is no longer on parachute duty, except as shown in paragraph 5.

b. Voluntary transfer.—Upon request of the officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man concerned, transfers to a nonairborne unit are subject to the approval of the commanders authorized to award the parachutist badge under the provisions of AR 600-70.

c. Jump refusals.—Each case of a jump refusal by an officer, warrant officer, or enlisted man in a parachute unit will be handled on its individual merits by the commanders authorized to award the parachutist badge under the provisions of AR 600-70.

5. Right to pay under certain conditions.—a. General.—If a person is on parachute duty, performs the required jumps in a duty status, other than while on leave, during any three consecutive months, and is otherwise entitled to parachute pay, conditions such as the following will not affect his eligibility for such pay for the 3 months for which he is qualified:

- (1) Sick in line of duty.
- (2) Leave.
- (3) Temporary duty other than parachute duty.
- (4) On authorized change of station or en route to or returning from foreign service.

b. Special.—Personnel who are on parachute duty and are eligible for parachute pay, who reenlist and are reassigned to parachute duty, and are eligible for parachute pay, on their reassignment, will draw parachute pay for the entire period they are absent on reenlistment leave or temporary duty, provided performance requirements are met.

6. Physical requirements.—Only persons who are eligible for general military service will perform parachute duty. However, the provisions hereof in no way affect the eligibility of individuals to receive parachute pay while sick in line of duty as set forth in paragraph 5.

7. Performance required.—Effective as of 1 June 1946, personnel who are undergoing parachute training or who are on parachute duty shall be required to perform one or more parachute jumps from an airplane in flight during any three consecutive calendar months.

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8. Pay.—a. Interpretation of three consecutive calendar months.—A jump performed in any calendar month qualifies the parachutist for parachute pay for that month and—

- (1) One month preceding and one succeeding month, or,
- (2) The two preceding months, or,
- (3) The two succeeding months.

b. Fractional parts of months.—Fractional parts of months in which parachutist commences parachute training or reports for duty with parachute unit will be considered a full month in the computation of the three consecutive calendar months period. Additional pay for parachute duty is payable only from the date of entry on training or on duty.

c. Discharge and immediate reenlistment.—The three consecutive calendar months period is confined to one period of enlistment only. Jumps performed prior to date of discharge do not operate to allow parachute pay for months or parts of months subsequent to reenlistment, nor do jumps performed after reenlistment operate as a basis of a claim for parachute pay for any period prior to date of discharge.

9. Certificates required.—a. Officers.—The following certificate will be executed by each officer claiming increased pay for parachute duty on WD Form 836 (Pay and Allowance Account):

I certify that, during the period for which parachute pay is claimed on this voucher, I have not been in a flying-pay or glider flight status; that parachute jumping has been an essential part of my military duty; that I have received a rating as a parachutist or am undergoing training for such a rating; that I have been engaged in parachute duty; and that I performed the required parachute jumps on _____

(Dates)

b. Enlisted personnel.—Personnel officers will execute the following certificate on each pay roll on which additional pay for parachute duty for enlisted personnel is claimed:

I hereby certify that, during the period for which parachute pay is claimed for persons named on this pay roll, each such person was not in a flying-pay or glider flight status; that parachute jumping was an essential part of his military duty; that each such person has received a rating as parachutist or is undergoing training for such a rating; that each has been engaged in parachute duty; and that each has performed the number of parachute jumps required by AR 35-1495.

10. Parachute accident.—a. Definition.—For the purposes of these regulations, a parachute accident is defined as an accident occurring during the regular tours of duty of a qualified parachutist (see par. 2) when the parachutist is injured while an occupant of an aircraft or as the result of jumping from, being thrown from, or being struck by an aircraft or any part or auxiliary thereof.

b. Nonrequirement of parachute duty.—Any officer or enlisted person who regularly performs parachute duty and who becomes incapacitated for such duty by reason of a parachute accident as defined in *a* above, shall not be required to perform such duty for a period not to exceed 3 months following such accident.

c. Commencing date.—The period not to exceed 3 months following date of parachute accident during which a person otherwise qualified to receive parachute pay is not required to participate in parachute duty, is deemed to commence with

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the 1st day of the calendar month next following that in which the parachute accident occurs.

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AR 35-1495, 23 February 1948, is changed as follows:

3. Parachute duty.—Parachute duty is designated as all duty performed by a person who has received a rating as parachutist or is undergoing training for such a rating, where parachute jumping is an essential part of such duty, including—

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b. While in a duty status with staffs or with units, not airborne, when such duty is designated as parachute duty by the Director, Personnel and Administration Division, General Staff, United States Army; the Secretary of the Air Force; Chief of Staff, United States Air Force; or commanding generals of oversea commands. The authority vested in the referred commanders will not be delegated.

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[AG 240 (18 Jun 48)]

11. (Added) Members of the Organized Reserve Corps.—*a. Active duty.*—Members of the Organized Reserve Corps who are not already qualified as parachutists may qualify as such by completing the basic airborne course at the Infantry School or in the course of a tour of active-duty training of not less than 60 days with a Regular Army airborne unit and subject to the approval of the commanding officer of that unit. Under the provisions of paragraph 7, personnel who are undergoing parachute training or who are on parachute duty will be required to perform one or more parachute jumps from an airplane in flight during any three consecutive calendar months in order to be eligible to receive parachutist's pay.

b. Inactive duty training.—Members of the Organized Reserve Corps who are qualified parachutists and who are on an inactive duty training status shall be required to perform only one parachute jump from an airplane in flight in 1 year in order to be eligible to receive parachutist's pay. A jump in any calendar month shall qualify the parachutist to receive parachutist's pay for that month and for the 11 succeeding months, provided that he qualifies for inactive duty training pay in accordance with current regulations as they apply to his unit. When it is impracticable for the reservist to perform one parachute jump from an airplane in flight during such year, a jump in any calendar month, not more than 2 months prior to nor more than 2 months subsequent to the anniversary date of such year, may be used as his date of qualification for the purpose of maintaining continuity of parachutist's pay.

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